

To: Parents, Co-Workers and Staff

From: R. Stadler Health / HGD Educator

Subject: Baby Think It Over – Program Parenting Simulation

Our school is fortunate to have the new Baby Think It Over Program under way. It is a parenting education program that increases participants' awareness about issues related to the parenting of an infant. I hope you will join me in helping participants benefit fully from the Program.

The core of the Program is a parenting simulation using the newest and most realistic Baby Think It Over – infant simulator available. The program helps students explore the physical, emotional, social, and financial consequences of parenthood.

The infant simulator, RealCare Baby II, will cry according to its 24-hour schedule, and require the participant to provide care for it. The student responds by bringing an electronic ID near Baby so Baby can recognize its correct "parent" and then figuring out what kind of care Baby needs. Baby needs to be fed, burped, rocked, and have its diaper changed. Baby will also cry if it is roughly handled, held in a position it does not like, or if the head is not properly supported. There are also happy and fussy times.

I would appreciate your help in watching for unattended, mistreated, or improperly held Babies, since the electronics cannot monitor all of these behaviors.

Please use the attached form to report any miss-conduct and be sure to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the Program.

Thank You,

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